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Weekly Report from R8

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This Week

Gold King Mine Reimbursement Appeals: In December 2016, Region 8 issued final determinations on reimbursements for cooperative agreements related to the Gold King Mine incident. The deadline for appeals was 8 Feb 2017. On 8 Feb 2017, Region 8 received appeals from 3 entities: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County, and San Juan Basin Health

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Uinta Basin (Utah) Wintertime Ozone: The Uinta Basin ozone episode continued through

February 7th with ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) exceedances occurring every day since January 29th (ozone concentrations dropped to 53 parts per billion (ppb) on February 8th). Ozone reached *Very Unhealthy Air Quality Index* levels with the 8-hour average above 105 ppb at the Ouray monitor on February 1, 3 and 5, 2017. Ozone was in the *Unhealthy* (86-104 ppb) and *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups* (71 to 85 ppb) levels in the communities of Myton and Roosevelt during the ozone episode. The Region's Air Program will be meeting with OAQPS on February 14th to discuss next steps, since EPA's draft Uintah & Ouray Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for existing oil and gas production sources was returned from OMB on January 23. On February 3, the Region learned that the Ute Indian Tribe intends to convene a working group with representatives from the Tribe, industry partners and the EPA to develop proposals to address a streamlined nonattainment area permitting process for minor new/modified oil and gas sources in Indian country on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. The Region is interested in participating in such a working group.

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Weeks Ahead

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